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My Dearest Brother

Now ye Festivalls are over during wch I was loath to trouble You wth Insignificant Letters, I hope it may be allowable to require inquire how You have passd them? & how You doe? To wch Question I might answer my selfe if wee were sure to enjoy all ye health & prosperity our Freinds wish us. for their are some of Yors here y have not appeard sparing my way of expressing their Kindnesse to You, & Yor good Company among whom I must forget my Archbp. who never sees mee either at his owne Table or

My most humble service & Lady Clifford's, for y^e favour of an obliging Letter, wch I confesse I have much wish'd & long look'd for, & soo seasonably to their hands as I writ. Sweet Lady Anne most humble to my Deare Sister, & my Lord Contest wee owe this Post to his Lo^p. & my Lady Barb: come now to his Lo^p. & my Lady Barb: come now to his Lo^p. & my Lady Barb: come now

or at any other ye Court remem-
-bring you a glasse of Wine
in his Hand. And as for my
Lo: of Winchester what Designe
he may haive upon my pretty
Lady Anne, let her remembr
ye I give Her warning by shee
will doe well to consider. But
I am now in noe Condition to
prsecute her on this occasion
being my selfe persecuted by soe
troublesome, & to mee unusuall
a Distemper, as a great fit of
ye Tooth ach; wch keepes you fro
being entertained wth ye sad complaints
Capt. Smith makes of ye severity
of ye Exchequer upon some Lands
of mine in Ireland, especially
upon Longford. And his men-
-tioning all my Dublin Rents
to be purposely left unaccounted
for by him, at least till he
hears from mee about them
obleiges mee to put you in mind
of ye promise You were pleased
to make mee of appointing
some trusty Person to receive
those Rents for mee. upon
wch if You please to enable
mee to write a word or two
to Capt: Smith it will
seasonably settle ye Business
betwixt him &

My Dearest Brother

Yor most Affect: most
faithfull & most humble
Servant

R: Boyle

Boyle Robert

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